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SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF US BISHOP ON POLITICAL PRISONERS

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1. LH OPPOSITION BLOC IS CIRCULATING A PRESS RELEASE ATTRIBUTED TO BISHOP BUMBLETON OF DETROIT AND FATHER ROBERT MANNING, SMJ., NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, WHO WERE REPORTEDLY IN SVN APRIL 21 TO 26 FOR PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING " PROBLEM OF POLITICAL PRISONERS". STATEMENT SAYS THAT, DESPITE " GENERAL THIEU' S STATEMENT IN US THAT " PRISON DOORS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE WHO WANT TO LOOK INTO THE PROBLEM", MOI PUT THEM OFF INDEFINITELY WHEN THEY REQUESTED
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PERMISSION TO VISIT PRISONS. STATEMENT ASSERTS THAT CONVERSATIONS

WITH FAMILIES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND VISITS TO PRISONERS RECENTLY RELEASED BY " THE SAIGON AUTHORITIES" PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF " INHUMAN PRISON SYSTEM" AND LEADS TO CONCLUSION THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SVN. GUMBLETON AND MANNING ASSERT " OUR" RESPONSIBILITY FOR MUCH SUFFERING IN SVN AND PLEDGE TO DO EVERY THING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT US FROM BECOMING SOURCE OF MISFORTUNE AGAIN. THEY ALSO CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS 02 OF 02 281358 Z

CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS	10 PERCENT
DOD ORIENTATION TOURS IN US FOR MILITARY OFFICERS	15 PERCENT
USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATION PROGRAMMING	30 PERCENT

A. IMPROVEMENTS. FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ROME, WE BELIEVE ADDITIONAL CU TRAVEL GRANTS EARMARKED FOR YOUTH CATEGORIES WOULD BE RESOURCES WELL SPENT. CONSIDERATION MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN TO SPONSORING TRAVEL BY SMALL GROUPS AND, ON OCCASION, HAVE THEM ACCOMPANIED BY A MEMBER OF THE MISSION STAFF. CONSIDERABLY MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO PROMOTING VISITS TO ITALY BY KNOWLEDGEABLE YOUNG AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERS AND TO EXPLOITING VISITING CODELS. WE SEE CONSIDERABLE MILEAGE IN USING YOUNGER POLITICAL LEADERS AND PROMINENT LEGISLATORS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A BROADER BASED RANGE OF US/ ITALIAN PERSONAL CONTACTS, FOSTER CLOSER COORDINATION AND UNDERSTANDING IN MULTINATIONAL YOUTH FORUMS, AND PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR POTENTIAL LEADERS TO HEAR AN EXPOSITION OF AMERICAN POLICY AND OPINIONS FROM OTHER THAN EXCLUSIVELY MEDIA AND MISSION SOURCES. WE MUST ALSO DO MORE TO GET MILITARY OFFICERS TO THE US FOR COURSES, EVEN SHORT TECHNICAL ONES, AS WELL AS GREATER NUMBERS TO THE MORE SENIOR COURSES.

B. PRIVATE RESOURCES. ALTHOUGH WASHINGTON IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO ASSESS PRIVATE US RESOURCES, THE MISSION BELIEVES MORE ATTENTION COULD BE GIVEN TO MONITORING THE TRAVELS OF PROMINENT AMERICANS WITH A VIEW TOWARD SEEKING THEIR COOPERATION IN MEETING WHILE IN THE COUNTRY WITH YOUNGER LEADERS IN THEIR OWN FIELD.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH

A. MEDIUM

B. WE HAVE GIVEN YOUTH ONLY AN AVERAGE RANKING IN RELATIVE IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OF TWO PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED FACTORS: (1) THOSE POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS NOT FIRMLY IN THE COMMUNIST CAMP ARE IN LARGE PART INCLINED TOWARD POLICIES FAVORING BASIC US INTERESTS (ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME NON- COMMUNISTS WHO NEED CONVINCING) AND (2) POTENTIAL LEADERS MUST SERVE A LENGTHY

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APPRENTICESHIP BEFORE EMERGING IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, RARELY DOING SO BEFORE THEIR MID- FORTIES. EXPERIENCE HERE HAS TAUGHT US THAT ATTEMPTING TO PREMATURELY SELECT THE NEXT GENERATION' S LEADERS BEFORE THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR CREDENTIALS IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD IS OFTEN EFFORT WASTED. THE MOST EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEVISE IS SIMPLY FOR ALL SUBSTANTIVE OFFICERS TO DEVOTE AS MUCH ATTENTION AS POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFYING AND DEVELOPING POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS IN THEIR AREA OF INTEREST AND TO DIRECT THE MISSION' S PROGRAMMED YOUTH EFFORT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AT THAT AUDIENCE.

C. 1. PERSONNEL TIME

A. 10 PERCENT

TOTAL MAN MONTHS PER YEAR 72

B. CONTACT WORK 70 PERCENT

REPORTING 10 PERCENT

PROGRAM WORK 20 PERCENT

C. STATE 60 PERCENT

USIA 30 PERCENT

DOD 10 PERCENT

2. PROGRAM RESOURCES

CU BUDGET 25 PERCENT

USIA 25 PERCENT

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